

*******Please read the Assignment before you start reading the book!*******

AP United States History Summer Reading Assignment

Book: **A peoples History of the American Empire**

Author: **Howard Zinn**

For your summer assignment you will read ***A Peoples History of the American Empire by Howard Zinn***

and complete the assignment below. The assignment will be **DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS.**

The 12 Themes of AP United States History according to the AP College Board:

1. American Diversity
2. American Identity
3. Culture
4. Demographic Changes
5. Economic Transformations
6. Environment
7. Globalization
8. Politics and Citizenship
9. Reform
10. Religion
11. Slavery and Its Legacy in North America
12. War and Diplomacy

For each theme (listed above) you will discuss how the specific events in Hollinshead's book relate to each theme. The theme you identify should be the one you consider to be the most applicable to the ideas in the chapter. (You may repeat themes but try to avoid doing so if you can.)

You will write a 1-3 paragraph summary which includes an explanation of why that particular theme applies to that that particular event or events. Be sure to include Hollinshead's opinion/take on the theme, if applicable.

Once you have finished each chapter summary write a well organized answer to the following question (3-4 paragraphs):

Based on your reading of Hollinshead and other Historians, what does Hollinshead or the other historians, believe has been the greatest change over time in American History? Use evidence from the book to back up your statement.

Format of your assignment:

Name

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Chapter 1 Theme:

American Diversity

Summary: (example)

Chapter 1 describes Columbus' voyage to the new world and the abuses that the Native Americans were put through...

American Diversity is the most important theme in this chapter because as Americans our heritage...

Zinn (or other historian) believes that American Diversity is born from the different nationalities that landed upon the American shore...